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Riverside Commissioner Appointed to Superior Court Bench

Riverside County: The Riverside County Superior Court is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffrey J. Prevost as Judge of the Superior Court. Judge Prevost was appointed by the Governor on June 1, 2006.

Judge Prevost began his career with the court in July 2000, when he was hired as a court commissioner and assigned to a misdemeanor criminal calendar in Department 22 at the Riverside Hall of Justice. In January 2001, he was transferred to the Family Law Court in Riverside, where he remained for the next four years. In June 2005, he was re-assigned to hear criminal cases at the Hall of Justice, once again returning to Department 22.

Following his high school graduation in 1964, Judge Prevost studied at the University of California, Berkeley and graduated with a degree in political science in 1968. He then obtained his Juris Doctorate from Hastings College of the Law, University of California, San Francisco in 1971 and was admitted to the California State Bar in January 1972.

Judge Prevost served as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Riverside from 1972 to 1980, where he handled over 100 criminal jury trials. During that time, he served as senior trial attorney. He was also charged with handling training and appeals and worked on more than 50 criminal writs and appeals.

After working with the District Attorney's Office, Judge Prevost was an associate with the San Bernardino firm of Wilson, Borrer, Dunn & Van Hulle from 1980 to 1982, where he handled general civil cases, including insurance defense litigation, professional negligence, trusts and estates, probate, and business transactions. During that period, he also instructed students in civil procedure at the Citrus Belt Law School in Riverside (now the California Southern School of Law).

From 1983 to 1996, Judge Prevost was a partner in the firm of Van Hulle & Prevost in San Bernardino. His practice included insurance defense, civil litigation, and appeals, and he specialized in product liability, personal injury, construction defect, and professional negligence cases.

Judge Prevost also handled insurance defense, personal injury, and professional negligence cases for the Riverside firm of Ericksen, Arbuthnot, Kilduff, Day & Lindstrom from 1996 to 1997. From 1997 to 2000, he practiced with the Charles S. Dowkow Law Corporation, a civil litigation firm in Upland, handling civil litigation and business practice cases until he was hired as a court commissioner.

As an attorney, Judge Prevost was admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, all California U.S. District Courts, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal. While in private practice, he volunteered as a temporary judge for the Riverside County Superior Court. He also volunteered as an arbitrator and mediator with the San

Bernardino County Legal Aid Society and served as an arbitrator and volunteer mediator with Settlement Now, a nonprofit mediation organization. Additionally, he volunteered his time with the Riverside County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Service.

Following his appointment, Judge Prevost stated, “I am honored to be appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as a Judge of the Riverside County Superior Court. My service with this court as commissioner has been extremely satisfying, and I am delighted to continue my association with the best bench in the State of California. My career began in Riverside as a deputy district attorney, and my association with the Inland Empire bar and the citizens of Riverside County has always been very rewarding. I look forward to many years of service to the people of California and this great county.”

Presiding Judge Sharon Waters commented, “Jeff Prevost is an incredibly bright, hard-working judicial officer and the Governor has made an excellent choice. He will continue to do well in any future assignments.”

Judge Prevost was sworn in on June 2 and will be officially enrobed at a ceremony at the Riverside County Historic Court House on July 28, 2006.

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